

Heating & Ventilation Safety



The Fireplace

- ***Have a professional check your fireplace and chimney every year; soot build-up leads to house fires.***
- ***Use kindling and wooden match light fires - not flammable liquids.***
- ***Always use a fire screen.***
- ***Be sure the chimney flue is open before lighting a fire and closed only***



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- ***Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from the fireplace area.***
- ***Check to see that the flue is open.***
- ***Before closing the flue, be sure that the fire is out completely.***





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- ***Use care with "fire salts", which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. (They contain heavy metals which can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten.)***
- ***Have your chimney inspected at least once a year and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood***

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- ***Always use a fire screen and only burn material appropriate for fireplaces. Avoid burning trash or paper which can float up the chimney and onto the roof or yard.***
- ***Install at least one carbon monoxide detector and a smoke detector in your home.***
- ***Deposit ashes in a metal container. Remove from the home because they may rekindle.***

Portable & Space Heaters

- ***Place all space heaters at least 36 inches away from flammable materials, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people.***
- ***Do not leave space heaters unattended or in use while sleeping.***
- ***Check electrical space heaters for fraying or splitting wires and overheating.***



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- ***Let a professional repair person correct all problems before operating the space heater.***
- ***Always use the proper fuel for liquid fueled heaters.***
- ***Be sure the heater is properly vented. All space heaters should bear the label of an independent testing laboratory.***
- ***Never place articles for drying over space heaters.***

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***Stay Safe—Use Caution
When Using Portable
Heaters!***